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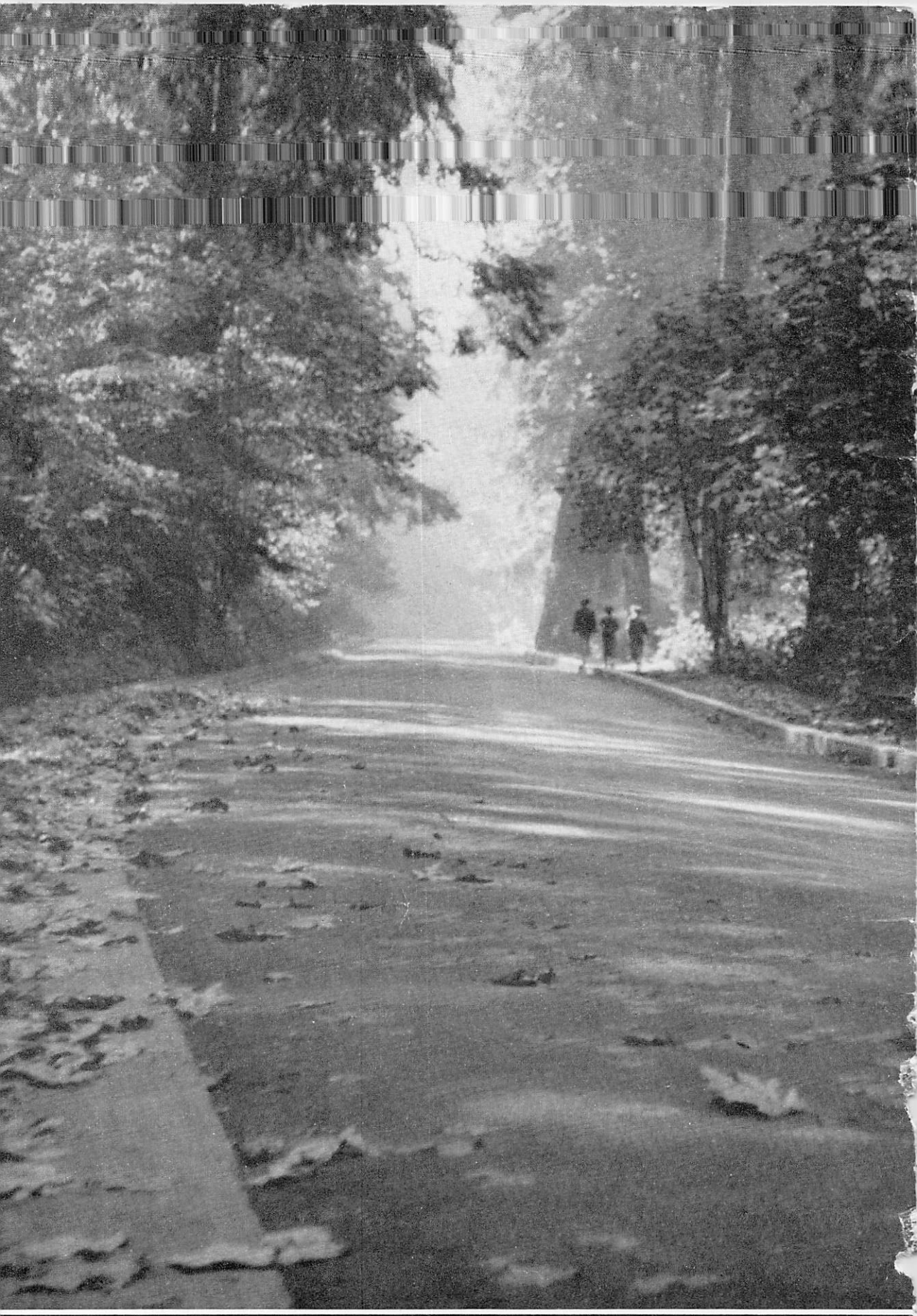
—Photo by Photomart, Kamloops

The young lady smiling into the telephone, above, is Miss Maxine Shannon, teller in the B. C. Telephone Company's Commercial Department, Kamloops.



—Photo by Geo. A. H. Baxter

An October morning in Stanley Park, Vancouver.

Carnival Cowhands

—Photos by Loranne Studios

The Chilliwack Western Cherry Carnival on July 1 found the Chilliwack staff dressed in keeping with the theme. The upper photo shows Miss Marion Chidlow, local representative (seated), and Miss June Nelson as they appeared in the commercial office during the carnival. In the lower photo are some of the staff members who helped to make the float which was entered in the parade. From left to right, they are: Dave Vallance, Miss Marion Chidlow, Stanley Davies, Ben Stanley, Ivan Jesperson, Miss June Nelson, Miss Eileen Swartz, Mrs. Viola Vickerson, Miss Sheila Murphy, Miss Eileen Bamford, Miss Margaret Douglas and Miss Alma Krossa.

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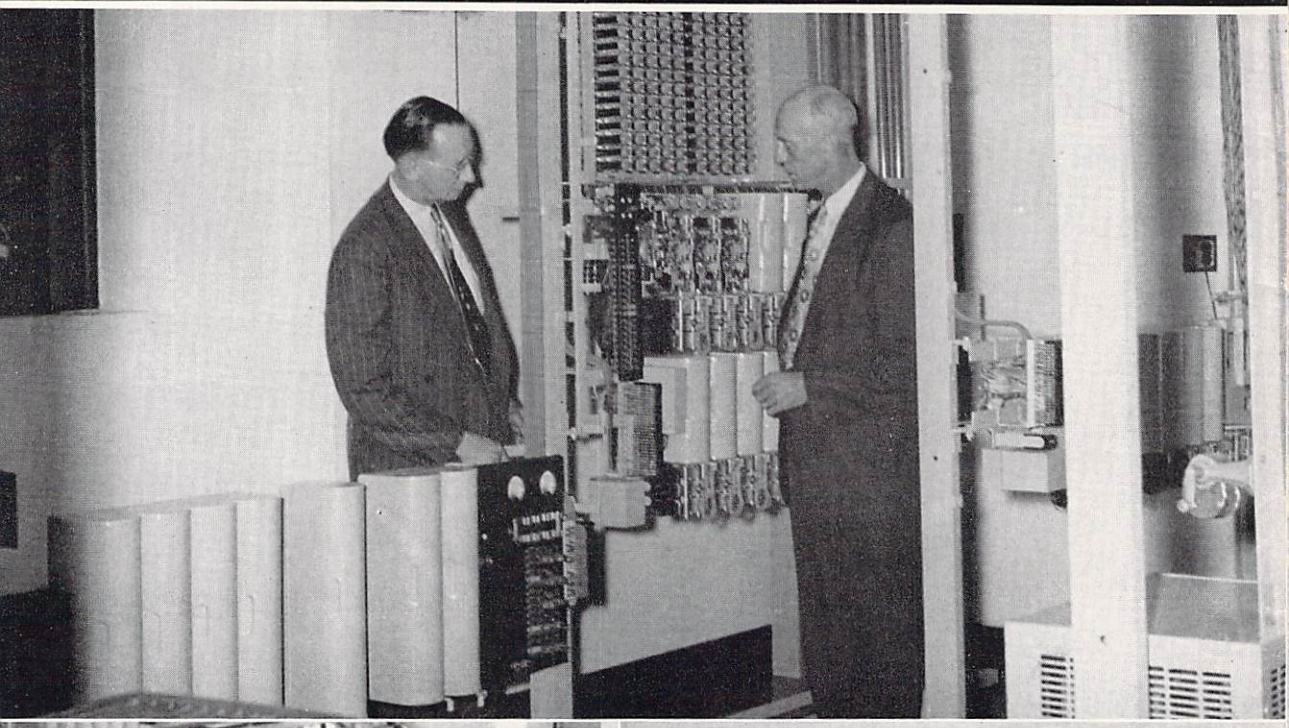
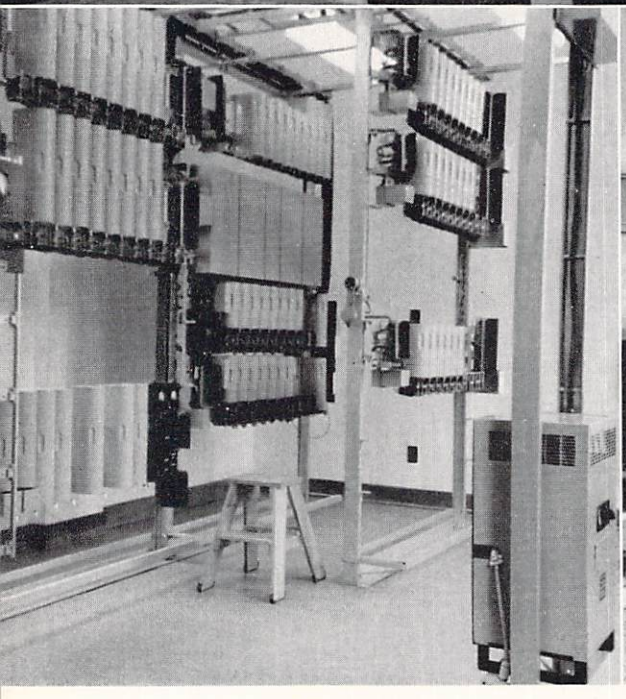




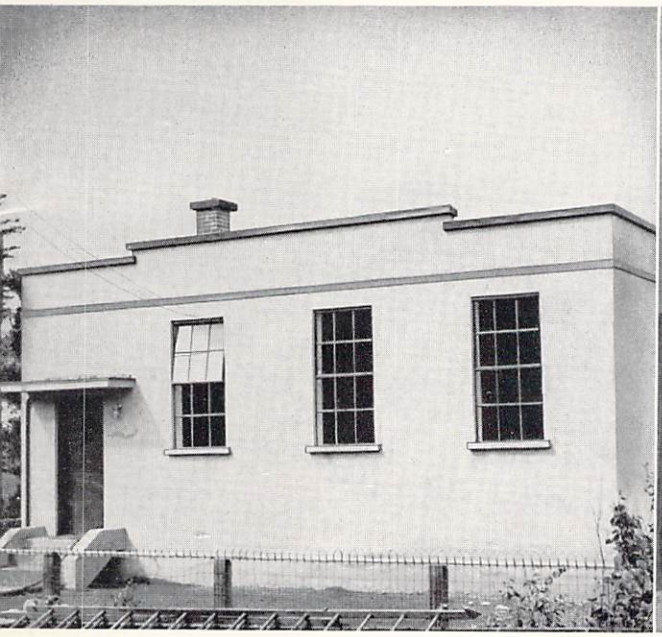
—Upper photo by Nelson Daily News

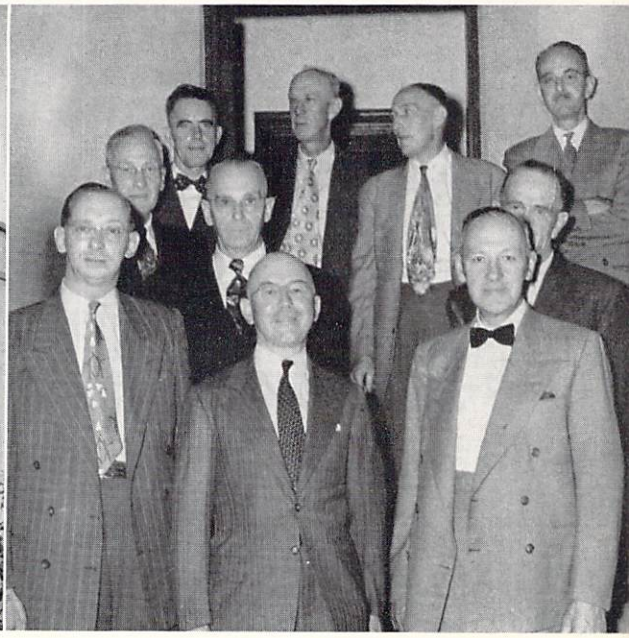
—Lower photos by Kalten's Studio

Osoyoos and Castlegar automatic exchanges were opened on July 6 and here are pictures of both offices. In the upper photo, Harold W. Turner, cut-over supervisor, Vancouver, and Arthur L. Creech, district plant manager, Nelson, look over the new equipment in the Castlegar office. Lower left is a view of the interior of the Osoyoos office while at the lower right, the men who installed the new instruments at Osoyoos are shown outside the exchange building. Left to right, are: H. C. Thompson and G. H. Tyre, both of Vancouver, and J. A. Ross and A. L. Eedy, both of Oliver. Foreman J. J. Weimar, Vancouver, is not shown in the picture, but was in charge of the installation of instruments.

—Photo by Nelson Daily News

The Castlegar Board of Trade held a dinner to usher in the new automatic telephone service, with Telephone Company officials as guests. Here is a general view of the men attending. Those at the head table, visible in the centre section of the picture, are, from left to right: J. R. Elliott, president, Castlegar Board of Trade; N. F. Pullen, public relations manager, B. C. Telephone Company; L. V. Campbell, vice-president, Castlegar Board of Trade, and V. C. Owen, Nelson district commercial manager, B. C. Telephone Company.





—Photos by Nelson Daily News

The new Castlegar exchange building is pictured at the left, while at the right are shown Company officials who were guests at the Board of Trade dinner held to mark the opening of the new exchange. They are, from left to right: Back row, James Watson, automatic traffic engineer, Vancouver; A. L. Creech, district plant manager, Nelson; V. C. Owen, district commercial manager, Nelson; T. M. Sherwood, general service supervisor, Vancouver; middle row, Karl M. Spence, district plant chief, Trail; Charles E. G. Fisher, retired district manager, Nelson; L. L. Hadfield, heavy gang foreman, Trail; front row, Harold W. Turner, cut-over supervisor, Vancouver; N. F. Pullen, public relations manager, Vancouver; W. R. Jones, general plant manager, Vancouver.

—Upper photo by Jack Lindsay

—Lower photo by Dominion Photo Co.

Here is the Telephone entry in the Pacific National Exhibition parade at Vancouver on August 23. Featuring a blue and gold color scheme, the float was constructed by Sickelmore Florists, who used more than 10,000 flowers in producing the display. As in past years, surplus flowers from the float were presented to Shaughnessy Military Hospital following the parade. Nine girls, representing various departments in the Company, "manned" the float, and were dressed in blue costumes made by Mrs. G. Smoker. Driver of the float this year was Jim Hamilton, replacing Bob Gibbs, who has retired. Young ladies appearing on the float included Miss Joanne Gell (Work Orders); Miss Beverley McRae and Miss Isobel Smith (Revenue Accounting); Miss Joan Hull (Maintenance); Miss Alice Lovendahl (Treasury); Miss Shirley Begley (Long Distance); Miss Nancy Mackenzie (Hastings); Miss Ingrid Dahl (North Traffic), and Miss Marguerite Sangster (West Traffic).

—Photos by Jack Lindsay

The 1950 Telephone float in the Vancouver P. N. E. parade was driven by James Hamilton, Construction Department driver, Vancouver, shown at the left. The right-hand photo shows Mrs. R. K. Gell and her daughter, Miss Joanne Gell, of the Work Orders Department, admiring the plaque which was awarded as second prize in the commercial class of the parade. Mrs. Gell, the former Miss Ada Louise Blackwell, was a Bayview operator prior to her marriage, and she appeared on the 1927 float. This year her daughter, Miss Joanne Gell, was one of the nine young ladies on the Telephone entry.

—Photo by Artray, Ltd.

—Photo by Jack Lindsay

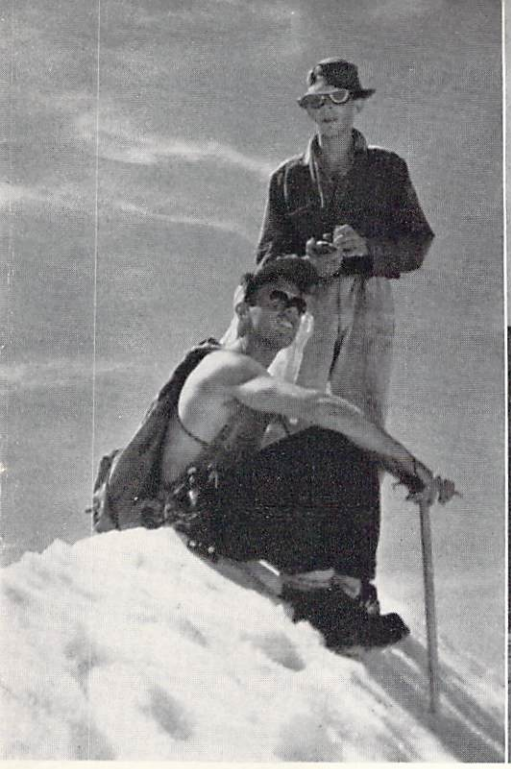
Large crowds applauded the Telephone float in this year's P. N. E. parade as evidenced by the picture at the left. The float is shown just as it turned off Georgia on to Granville Street, Vancouver. At right is Miss Nancy McLure, of the Work Orders Department, who won the title "Miss South Cambie" prior to the P. N. E.

'Phone Folk ... and Feathered Friends

—Photos by Jack Lindsay

Frank Sims, of Marine-Pacific maintenance, seen at the upper left, found a baby pigeon nestled in the stonework outside the second floor of the William Farrell Building, Vancouver. Pictured at the upper right are some North operators with "Cheeky", their pet budgie, who has made his home in the North office. From left to right, are: Miss Florence MacDonald, Miss Beverley Rennie, Miss Eileen McEwen (supervisor) with "Cheeky" and Miss Helen Rooke.

Raising budgies is another hobby of Miss Violet Knowles, Dexter supervisor, who is also well known because of her musical talents. Miss Knowles is pictured in the lower photos with many of her pets. She is standing in the aviary in the garden of her home in Vancouver where she now has nearly 100 birds.



—Photo by Roy Hooley

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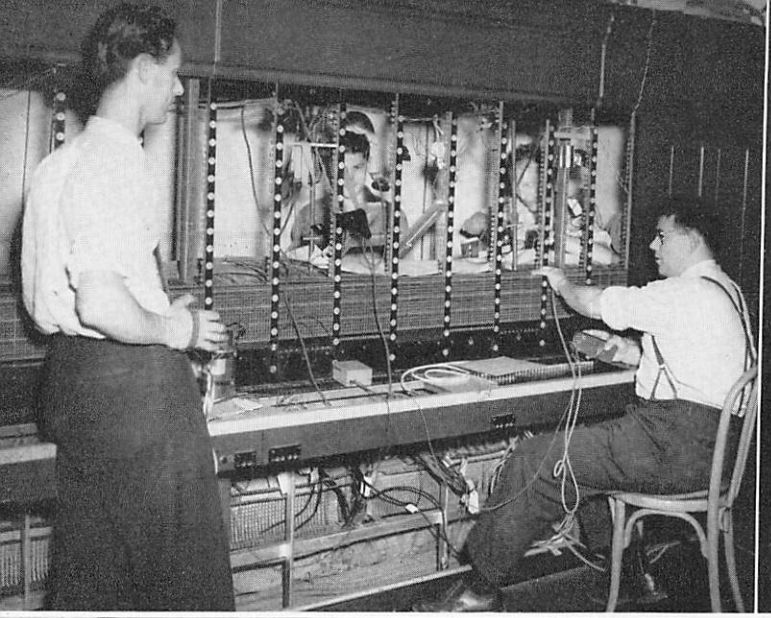
Ian Kirk, storeman in the Repair Shop, Vancouver, was one of the first three men ever to climb Mount Cheakamus in Garibaldi Park. In the photo at left, Mr. Kirk (standing), is shown with Jim Kildurn, one of his companions. The third man in the party, Roy Hooley, took the picture. Ian Kirk is well known throughout the province for his climbing feats. At right is a group of operators from Vancouver's Dexter, Glenburn and Hastings central offices, aboard the vessel which took them on their moonlight cruise early this summer.

—Photos by Don's Studio, Abbotsford

First prize was awarded the Telephone entry in the Abbotsford Dominion Day parade. Constructed by the staff at Abbotsford, the float carried three operators and was driven by Ken Dawson, plant man there. In the picture at left, the float crew are shown. From left to right, they are: Miss Jean McFee, Mr. Dawson, Miss Marjorie Grant and Miss Audrey McFadyen. Floral decorations were by R. Crouter, of Rosebay Gardens.



—Photos by Stride Studio

With the completion of a $50,000 building addition to the New Westminster traffic office, 23 operator positions of switchboard, both local and toll, are being installed. Cost of the additional equipment will total approximately $195,000. The pictures above show some of the work in progress. Upper left, Gerry Finestone and Doug Gordon test the multiple, while Frank Bogle and Harry Stead (behind switchboard) clear trouble, on the partially installed board. Upper right shows Harvey Cooper at work in the rack room forming line relay cables. In the photo at lower left, Foreman Gordon Little looks up at three of his crew as they form trunk relay cables in the rack room. The men are, from left to right: Dal Parlee, Dick Freeman and Charlie Morrisette. Lower right shows the girls at work at the existing switchboard, while at the left of the picture, part of the new toll board can be seen. Since these pictures were taken all 14 toll positions, as well as two of nine "B" board installations, have been completed.

Two New Automatic Offices Opened

OSOYOOS and Castlegar now have their first telephone offices. Similar automatic offices of the "unattended" type were cut over July 6, at these two interior centres.

The Osoyoos office, serving approximately 230 subscribers at the time of the cut-over, was installed at a cost of $90,000.

A new $8000 building was erected to house the $23,000 worth of central office equipment, while the remainder of the expenditure involved was for wire, cable, and other outside plant installations, as well as for the new instruments made necessary by the conversion to automatic operation. Prior to the cut-over, Osoyoos subscribers had been served through the Oliver central office.

In charge of the cut-over on July 6 was E. J. Davis, district manager at Kamloops, assisted by J. D. Logan, traffic engineering assistant, Vancouver. Installation of new telephones was handled by J. J. Weimar, foreman, and G. H. Tyre, both of Vancouver, and A. L. Eedy and John Ross, both of Oliver.

In Castlegar, as in Osoyoos, a new building was necessary to house the equipment. Outside plant, including cable and wire to service the district, was installed at a cost of $60,000, while $19,000 was spent on central office equipment.

New instruments and the cost of the building brought the total expenditure on the cut-over to $95,000.

Approximately 160 subscribers are being served by the new Castlegar exchange.

Telephone men on hand for the cut-over were: W. R. Jones, general plant manager, Vancouver; V. C. Owen, district commercial manager, Nelson; A. L. Creech, district plant manager, Nelson; Charles E. G. Fisher, retired district manager, Nelson; A. W. Hunter, supervising foreman of installation, Vancouver; H. W. Turner, cut-over supervisor, Vancouver; K. M. Spence, district plant chief, Trail; L. L. Hadfield, heavy gang foreman, Trail; James Watson, automatic traffic engineer, Vancouver; N. F. Pullen, public relations manager, Vancouver.

These men attended a banquet given by the Castlegar Board of Trade on the evening of the cut-over. Approximately 70 participated in the affair, which was marked by telephone calls from J. R. Elliott, president of the Castlegar Board of Trade, to the Hon. A. D. Turnbull, provincial minister of health and welfare, Victoria, and Col. W. G. Swan, president of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

In charge of Osoyoos automatic maintenance will be Allan L. Eedy, reporting to John A. Ross, district repairman for Oliver and Osoyoos. Eric Ray, of Trail, will look after Castlegar maintenance, reporting to Karl M. Spence, Trail district plant chief.

Members of the heavy construction gang which carried out the installation of outside plant for the Osoyoos cut-over. Included in the picture are H. C. Thompson and G. H. Tyre, who helped to install the new instruments in both Castlegar and Osoyoos. From left to right, above: R. E. Smyth (foreman), H. C. Thompson, G. H. Tyre, H. W. Pattinson, J. D. Wickend, G. F. Shepherd, D. W. McInnis, E. Nordgren, E. H. Hall, G. R. Stewart. Photo by Kalten's Studio, Osoyoos.

Medical Services Association Groups to Amalgamate

THE amalgamation of traffic, plant and general groups of the Telephone Employees' Medical Services Association will go into effect on March 1, 1951, as a result of a recent vote by the membership. The groups have been operating independently from a financial standpoint. The proposal was placed before the members at the annual meeting and a vote was taken at the request of the board of management and with the approval of the three group committees in an effort to strengthen the financial structure of the association and to maintain benefits with less variation in dues.

The board of management of the Telephone Employees' Medical Services Association for the year 1950-51. From left to right are: Front row, Miss L. Stephenson, vice-president; Miss D. Stow; Miss M. Harris, general secretary; Miss S. McIlwaine, and Miss L. Dunbavand; back row, H. W. Stevens; E. H. Clements, president, and E. R. Boyce. K. S. Cowper, Miss B. W. Jackson and R. F. Williams, Island representative, were absent when this photo was taken. Photo by Charles West.

At the annual meeting of the board of management which followed the general meetings of the Association in May, Earl H. Clements, assistant repair shop superintendent, Vancouver, was re-elected president. Mr. Clements holds this office for the fourth consecutive term. Other members of the board of management for the year 1950-51 are: Miss L. Stephenson, vice-president; Miss D. Stow, Miss S. McIlwaine and Miss L. Dunbavand, traffic group representatives; E. R. Boyce and Miss B. W. Jackson, general group representatives; K. S. Cowper and H. W. Stevens, plant group representatives, and R. F. Williams, Island representative. Miss M. Harris was re-appointed general secretary.

The total income of the Medical Services Association for the year 1949-50 was $180,604.98, while the total expenditures for that period were $158,354.56. The reserve fund now stands at $56,575.58, showing an increase of $22,250.52 over the previous year. The organization's membership totals 3,425, with 5,756 persons covered.

Group committee members for the ensuing year follow:

Traffic Group—Miss L. Stephenson, suburban offices, president; Miss D. Stow, Hastings, vice-president; Miss S. McIlwaine, Alma, secretary-treasurer; Miss D. Renwick, D.S."A"; Miss P. Dauphinee, New Westminster; Miss E. Scovell, Fairmont; Miss L. Dunbavand, Kerrisdale; Miss L. Fife, Vancouver Long Distance, and Mrs. J. Fitzpatrick, Dexter. Miss M. Dickson was named secretary to the Island representative.

General Group—E. R. Boyce, president; R. M. Smith, vice-president; Miss B. W. Jackson, secretary-treasurer; Miss F. Paterson, secretary, Victoria committee; Miss M. Rushbury and Miss Hope McGirr.

Plant Group—K. S. Cowper, president; C. P. Barnett, vice-president; H. W. Stevens, secretary-treasurer, and E. H. Clements.

New Appointment for W. S. Pipes

APPOINTMENT of W. S. Pipes as acting general manager of the British Columbia Telephone Company is announced by Gordon Farrell, president of the Company. Mr. Pipes, who was formerly assistant general manager, takes the new post because of the absence through illness of the vice-president and general manager, C. B. Diplock.

New Wage Agreement Signed

THE Federation of Telephone Workers of B. C., representing some 4000 employees of B. C. Telephone Co. and associated companies, have signed a new agreement with the Company providing for a general increase in wages plus a five-day week for traffic operators.

Announcement of the signing of the agreement was made on July 11.

The revised wage schedules, retroactive to June 1, 1950, amount to approximately 8 per cent for plant employees; 9 per cent for clerical workers, and 5 per cent for members of the traffic division, in addition to the five-day week for traffic operators to be effective October 22, 1950.

The 5 per cent plus a five-day week for traffic employees are equivalent to a 15 per cent wage increase for that division.

The new contract will add approximately $1,000,000 annually to the Company's payrolls.

Wage progression periods for clerical and plant employees were reduced, and other minor concessions in working conditions granted.

Terms of the new agreement were announced in a joint company and union statement following votes taken by the three employee divisions, which concluded recent negotiations on a new contract.

The wage increases provided for in the new agreement exceed by over $500,000 the 5 per cent raise promised by the Company in June, 1949, when it made application for a new rate schedule, providing a satisfactory decision was handed down by the Board of Transport Commissioners. The Company previously awarded a 5 per cent increase effective January 1, 1949, apart from that dependent on the success of the rate application.

The new contract runs two years, from June 1, 1950, with a proviso for wage revisions only, after 12 months.

Miss Rattray Is New Health Counsellor

MISS MARJORIE M. RATTRAY has been appointed to the new position of health counsellor, Vancouver.

Although born in Scotland, Miss Rattray was raised in Salmon Arm, B. C., having come to Canada with her parents at an early age. She received her elementary and high school education in Salmon Arm, and took her nursing training at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

During the war, Miss Rattray served as an army nursing sister in England and Belgium, and, following her discharge from the army in 1946, studied public health and industrial nursing at University of Toronto.

Following this post-graduate study, she was appointed nursing supervisor for the Imperial Oil Company in Sarnia, Ontario. She continued in this capacity for two years, after which she decided to come west, and took up her present duties in January, 1950.

In her capacity as health counsellor, Miss Rattray will give advice on health matters to female members of the Telephone Company staff in Greater Vancouver.

Facing the camera is Miss Marjorie M. Rattray, recently appointed health counsellor, Vancouver, shown in her office in the William Farrell Building. Photo by Jack Lindsay.

Picnic Returns to Newcastle Island

FOR the first time since before the war, Newcastle Island was invaded by a boat-load of picnic-bound telephone employees and their friends. About 800 people came from Vancouver and its environs, and from various points on Vancouver Island, for the annual picnic sponsored by the Federation of Telephone Workers of B. C.

July 22, the day of the picnic's return to its former location, was marked by brilliant sunshine, in contrast to the rain experienced on "picnic day" in 1949.

For the third straight year, B. C. Telephone softballers defeated Canadian Telephones for the G. B. Rickards Trophy. The game itself was one of the closest in years, with the winners pushing across the deciding run after an extra inning of play. Earl Squire was the umpire. The trophy was presented to Charlie Sheppard, coach of the winning team, by T. H. Halford, supervisor of staff administration.

Races for everyone, from toddlers to Pioneers, were held under the able direction of Charlie Sheppard and his sports committee, consisting of Tom Baird, Tom Glass and Bob Newbold.

Much credit for the handling of the entire affair must go to Bob Bell, general convener, and his staff of helpers. These included Mrs. Edna Robinson, George Linn, Norm Adkins and Bob Hind, as well as the sports committee already mentioned.

Art Pollard was there for his sixteenth picnic, and was again the centre of a large throng of children. His quick changes from clown to "mammy" and back again, delighted young and old.

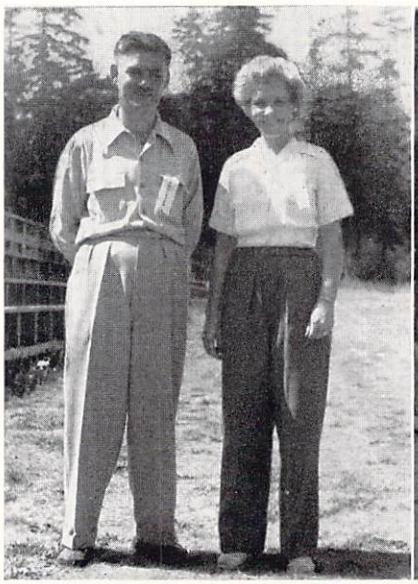
Sports results follow:

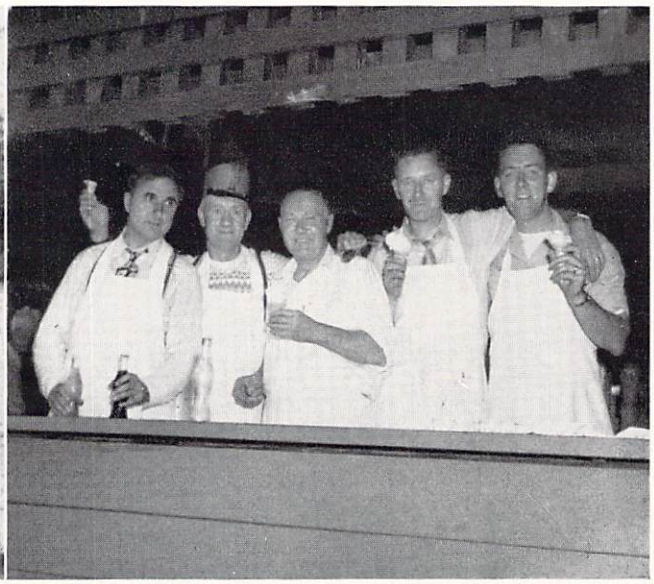
Girls' race, seven and eight years—1, Ann Hawthornthwaite; 2, Sandra Sutherland; 3, Mavis Hyman.

Boys' race, seven and eight years—1, Pat Halford; 2, Jimmy Rouse; 3, Allan Roy Murphy.

Girls' race, nine and 10 years—1, Kim McGeragle; 2, Ann Zaitzeff; 3, Rosemary Hart.

Boys' race, nine and 10 years—1, Allan Hardy; 2, John Wood; 3, Brian Willoughby.





Here are some of the people mainly responsible for the success of the picnic. In the picture at the left, Robert Bell, general convener, and Mrs. Edna Robinson, ticket chairman, take a moment to relax after a hectic, but happy, day. On the right are members of the refreshment committee, who dispensed free ice cream and pop. They are, from left to right: Garfield White, George Linn (chairman), Norm Adkins, Bob Hind and Percy Barry. Photos by Allan B. Evers.

Picnic winners, near-winners, umpire and clown. (1) The B. C. Telephone softball team, with the G. B. Rickards' Trophy. From left to right: Standing—Charlie Sheppard, Charlie Ferguson, Glenn Robertson, Lyle Kehoe, Lloyd Jackson, George Holland, Ken Kellough; kneeling—Syd McMullan, Enzo Coan, Tom Baird and Ron Loland. (2) Umpire Earl Squire. (3) Canadian Telephones who lost out by one run in the softball game. Left to right: Standing—Ed McInnis, Jim Henderson, Tom Glass, John Newbold, Bert Bowley, Hutch Pombert and Vic Steele; kneeling—Wally McLean, Joe Shulthesis, Dave Brown, Johnny Newbold, Jr. (mascot), Ray Gunnlaugson and Don Newbold. (4) Winners of the relay trophy. Left to right: Standing—Vic Steele, Ike Wilson, Wes Henderson, George Henderson; kneeling—Ron Loland, Ed McInnis, Roy Railton and Norm Henderson. (5) Art Pollard started the game but was lifted for a pinch-hitter immediately. (6) Four of the winners of the Pioneers' strolling race. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. G. MacDonald, Mrs. Russell Millar and Frank Morgan. Mrs. Peter Kaayk was not available when the picture was taken. Photos by Allan B. Evers.

Girls' race, 11 and 12 years—1, Adeline Bard; 2, Jocelyn Young; 3, Diana Docharty.

Boys' race, 11 and 12 years—1, Balfour Squire; 2, Ronnie Drene; 3, Grant Pearson.

Girls' race, 13 to 15 years—1, Mary Keith and Lorna Hackman (tie); 3, Diane Brownlow.

Boys' race, 13 to 15 years—1, Wayne Hardy; 2, Darcy Lynch; 3, Al Martin.

Ladies' Open, 16 and over—1, Elaine Hardy; 2, Eleanor Cameron; 3, Yvette Bayfield.

Men's Open, 16 and over—1, Jack Thompson; 2, Bob Thompson; 3, George Henderson.

Ladies' 100 Yards (Federation members)—1, Virginia Didcott, (Newton); 2, Connie Hughes, (Revenue Accounting); 3, Joan Deaton, (Plant, Vancouver).

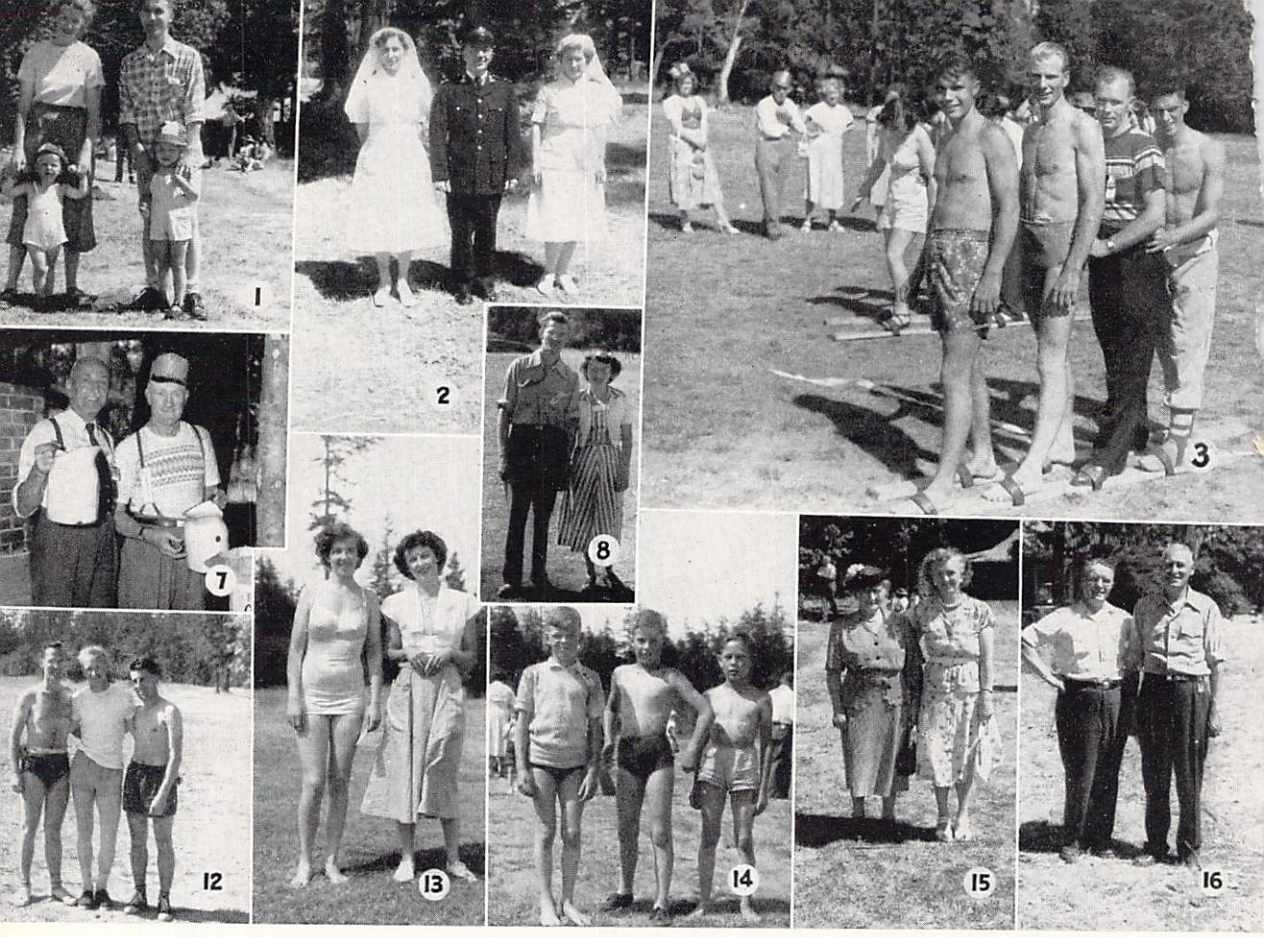
Men's 100 Yards (Federation members)—1, Wes Henderson, (Installation, Vancouver); 2, Lloyd Jackson, (Nanaimo Plant); 3, Ed McInnis, (Repair Shop, Vancouver).

Strolling Race (Pioneers and families)—Mrs. G. MacDonald, Mrs. R. Miller, G. MacDonald, Mrs. P. Kaayk and Frank Morgan.

Men's Novelty—Vic Steele, Tommy Baird, Eric Bell and Ike Wilson.

Ladies' Novelty—Agnes Branigan, Val Thompson, Audrey Seely and Elsie Morrow.

Relay Race—Canbec (Ed McInnis, Wes Henderson, Vic Steele, Ike Wilson, Ron Loland, George Henderson, Norman Henderson and Roy Railton).



At the annual picnic. (1) Mr. and Mrs. C. Finch with their children, Lee and Judy. (2) St. John Ambulance As Ike Wilson, Eric Bell and Tom Baird—winners of the men's novelty ski race. (4) J. H. Hillier and Roy B. M Keath, Lorna Hackman and Diane Brownlow. (6) Miss Kay Stephen, assistant P.B.X. supervisor, Vancouver, photographer at the picnic, with Mrs. Evers. (9) Robert McKeen, Mrs. R. McKeen and Mr. and Mrs. Terry M in race for girls, seven and eight years. (11) Winning team in ladies' novelty ski race—Agnes Branigan, Val T Cameron and Yvette Bayfield, two of the prize-winners in ladies' open race. (14) Allan Hardy, Johnny Wood a the Vancouver Ex-Tel-O Club are Mrs. Lily Babbington and Mrs. Nan Kirkwood. (16) Robert Laughland, pre attender of the annual picnics, and her daughter, Miss May Hickey, of Employee Records, Vancouver. (18) Ja Federation race for ladies—Miss Virginia Didcott, of Newton, and Miss Joan Deaton, of Plant

Bob Gibbs Sees Parade for Once

THIS year's Pacific National Exhibition Parade was the first in many years that Robert (Bob) Gibbs has seen in its entirety. Since he had been with the Company, the retired Construction Department driver had driven all but two of the Telephone floats, and consequently had not seen any of the other floats in the parade. This year Mr. Gibbs, who is now retired, dropped into Sickelmore Florists, where the float was made, to wish luck to the new driver, James Hamilton, of the Construction Department, Vancouver. (See pages three and four for pictures of the float.)

"LONG distance, I want to speak to Blitzville, Ark., number 6708, Joe Smith. My number is 2764. Hello, Joe."

Prize-winning Photograph

GEORGE A. H. BAXTER, Repair Shop office clerk, and an employee of the Company for more than 40 years, devotes much of his time to amateur photography. His work has won wide acclaim in photographic circles and as a sample, TELEPHONE TALK presents the picture on the frontispiece of this issue. Entitled "An October Morn in Stanley Park", this photograph won first prize in the Vancouver Park Board contest in 1949. Many other of Mr. Baxter's photos have been prize-winners, and have been exhibited in salons throughout the world.

Studying Medicine at U. B. C.

ONE of the first students in the new faculty of medicine at the University of British

ociation members in attendance—Miss Grace Ratledge, Harry Jones and Miss Verna Perkins. (3) Vic Steele, rphy, of Vancouver, and Reg. Kaltenbach, of Nanaimo. (5) Winners of the race for girls, 13 to 15 years—Mary and Miss Kay Wilson, district traffic chief, Nanaimo. (7) Jack Smith and George Linn. (8) Allan Evers, ore with their young son, Bryan. (10) Anne Hawthornthwaite, Sandra Sutherland and Mavis Hyman, first three ompson, Elsie Morrow and Audrey Seely. (12) George Holmes, Rex Schofield and Tom Devinsky. (13) Eleanor d Brian Willoughby, who placed first, second and third in race for boys, nine and 10 years. (15) Representing ident of the Federation, and Reg. Milner. (17) Mrs. Alice M. Hickey, who is now in her 85th year, and a regular k Thompson, Bob Thompson and George Henderson, first three in the men's open. (19) Two prize-winners in the Accounting. (20) Ray Walters, Miss Joan Deaton and Len Walters. Photos by Allan B. Evers.

Columbia is Ken Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Port Alberni. The elder Mr. Morrison is a foreman of maintenance in the Island city, and Ken has been working with the Company during the summers between college terms.

Latest Directory Sets Record

THOUSANDS of new numbers and number changes featured the July, 1950, issue of the Vancouver telephone directory, which went into effect at midnight, July 1.

The publication's three editions which carry listings for the Greater Vancouver area, including North and West Vancouver, New Westminster and Fraser Valley centres, have the greatest circulation in their history, with a press run of 206,000 copies, 16,000 more than the previous issue.

Chinese Puzzle

THE census taker was inquiring of the mountaineer how many children he had.

"Four," was the answer, "an' I tell you that's all I'm goin' to have."

"How come?" the census taker inquired.

"Why," said the hillbilly, "I just read in this here almanac that every fifth child born in the world is a Chinaman."

THE guest watched with amazement the small boy who was amusing himself by driving nails into the furniture.

Recovering himself, he said to his host, "Joe, isn't that an expensive pastime your son has? How can you afford to let him do it?"

"Oh, it's not bad," answered the father. "We get the nails wholesale."

Expansion Proceeds at Port Alberni

FIRST phase of a $70,000 telephone expansion program this year at Port Alberni has been completed with the recent installation of additional switchboard at a cost of $32,000.

The new equipment is designed to provide telephone service for waiting applicants where outside plant facilities are available.

At the same time, the B. C. Telephone Company is placing additional cable throughout various parts of the Port Alberni exchange area at a cost of approximately $40,000. This outside plant project is expected to be completed about the end of the year.

In the past five years Port Alberni's central office and outside plant facilities have been expanded sufficiently to permit the installation of approximately 1450 new telephones, an increase of more than 72 per cent, giving the area a total of nearly 3500 instruments in service.

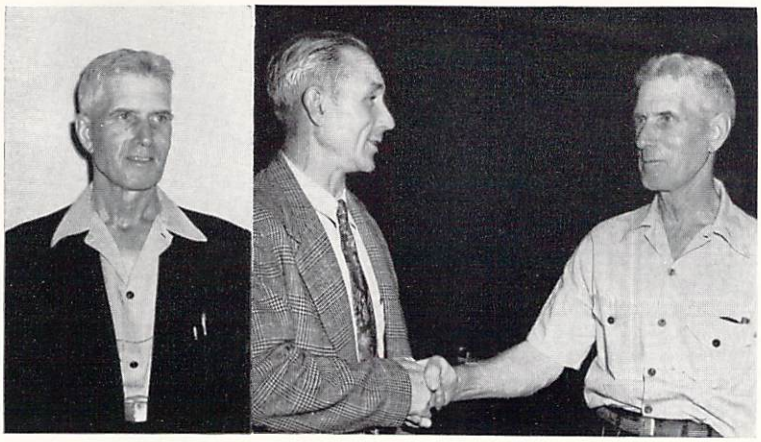
Two Positions Added at Campbell River

CAMPBELL RIVER's telephone system has been improved and expanded this year with the installation of two additional positions of switchboard, bringing the total to six positions.

In addition, the exchange building itself has been extensively remodeled, and new cable has been placed throughout the exchange area.

During the past five years, the Campbell River telephone system has increased from 119 to 396 instruments, a gain of more than 230 per cent.

Snapped at the picnic. (1) Front row—Misses Vi Carlson, Marjorie Young and Marguerite Sprenkle, Nanaimo operators; back row—Mrs. Mary Young and Mrs. Phyllis Bradshaw, of Victoria; Mrs. Anne Ensor, of Vancouver; Mrs. B. Williamson, of Victoria, and Miss Ruby McNaughton, of Vancouver. (2) Winners of boys' race, 11 and 12 years—Balfour Squire, Ronnie Drene and Grant Pearson. (3) Adeline Bard, Jocelyn Young and Diana Docharty, prize-winners of the race for girls 11 and 12. (4) T. H. Halford, supervisor of staff administration, Vancouver, his son Pat, and Leo Griggs, retired district plant manager, Nanaimo. (5) Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tindle, with Lynda Tindle and her little cousin, Carol Green. (6) Keeping a record of the sports results are Miss Hope Halliday and Miss Sylvia Puil, of Vancouver Commercial. (7) First three in the men's race for Federation members—Wes Henderson, of Vancouver Installation; Lloyd Jackson, of Nanaimo Plant, and Ed McInnis, of Vancouver Repair Shop. (8) Miss Joan Detloff and Revenue Accounting girls, Miss Laurie Larson, Miss Beverley McRae, Miss Barbara Binns and Miss Nonie Brooke. Photos by Allan B. Evers.



Walter Manson (above left), retired recently from his position as construction foreman, Vancouver. On the right he is shown receiving best wishes from G. R. Drew, supervising foreman, on the occasion of Mr. Manson's retirement. Mr. Drew also presented Mr. Manson with a wallet and enclosure on behalf of fellow employees in the Plant Department. Photos by Jack Lindsay.

Walter Manson Retires

LATEST addition to the ranks of Life Member Pioneers is Walter Manson, whose retirement from the position of foreman in the Construction Department, Vancouver, became effective August 1, 1950.

Mr. Manson was born in Gladstone, Manitoba, and it was in that province that he first became engaged in telephone work. In 1907, he moved to the Pacific Coast, becoming in turn, a fireman, railroader, telephone man, and power company employee, before coming back to the Telephone Company in 1913. His stay was short-lived, as World War I saw him in the uniform of the Canadian Army.

After serving overseas for 18 months, Mr. Manson returned to Vancouver and the B. C. Telephone Company in 1918, and stayed with the Company until his retirement.

Walter Manson was with the Plant Department throughout the whole of his telephone career, with the greatest portion of his time being spent on the installation staff.

Married, but having no family, Mr. Manson intends to "take things easy" for a while, and then do a little travelling.

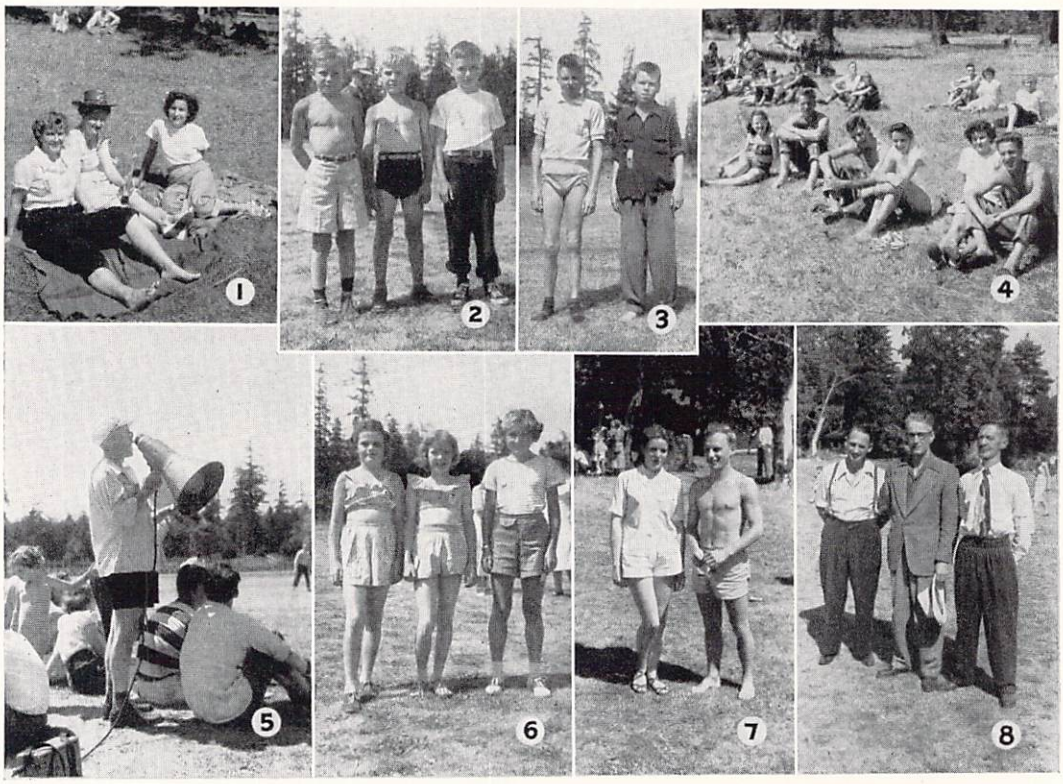
Prior to his retirement, Mr. Manson was presented with a wallet and enclosure by G. R. (Dick) Drew, supervising foreman of construction, on behalf of members of the Plant Department.

Good-bye to Miss Eveline Saltmarsh

FOR more than 30 years until her retirement on May 31 last, Miss Eveline M. Saltmarsh, senior compilation clerk of the Directory Advertising Department, Vancouver, has been chiefly concerned with the Yellow Pages of the telephone directories in British Columbia.

Miss Saltmarsh was born in Portsmouth, England. Prior to the first World War she moved to London where for five years she performed confidential secretarial duties for

Two presentations were made to Miss E. M. Saltmarsh, of the Directory Advertising Department, pictured at left, on the day of her retirement. At the right, from left to right, are: Harold Moore, salesman; Harold E. Davies, salesman, with the watch he presented on behalf of the sales staff; Miss Saltmarsh; George Simpson, directory advertising manager, holding the purse which was the gift of fellow workers, and Harry T. Stevens, directory advertising supervisor. Group photo by Dominion Photo Co., other by Charles West.



Picnic Scenes. (1) Dorothy Rumball, Mrs. J. Newbold and Joyce Beale. (2) Prize-winners in race for boys, 7 and 8 years—Pat Halford, Jimmy Rouse and Allan Roy Murphy. (3) Wayne Hardy and Darcy Lynch, who placed first and second in race for boys, 13 to 15 years. (4) Jean Beaupre, Gerry Sear, Art Charpentier, Marie Beaupre, Wendy Tyson and Harry Sear. (5) Gerry Card comments on the ball game over the microphone. (6) Kim McGeragle, Anne Zaitzeff and Rosemary Hart, first three in race for girls, 9 and 10 years. (7) Miss Shirley Marshall and Jack Saunders. (8) Greig Young, Wilf Cain and Frank Morgan. Photos by Allan B. Evers.

the British Admiralty. In December, 1919, she left England to join her brother in Vancouver, B. C., and scarcely a month after arrival began her telephone career. Since becoming a member of the Directory Advertising Department 30 years ago, Miss Saltmarsh has seen many changes, the original staff of three now having increased to 26 employees.

Friends and co-workers gathered to honor Miss Saltmarsh on the day of her retirement. On behalf of fellow employees, George Simpson, directory advertising manager, presented her with a leather purse with enclosure. As a parting gift from the salesmen in the Directory Advertising Department, she received a "Gruen Precision" wrist watch, the presentation being made by Harold Davies.

Miss Saltmarsh is a life member of B. C. Chapter No. 53, of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Toll Operators Commended

An expression of appreciation was received by Vancouver Long Distance from C. E. Ripley of Vancouver Supply Co. Ltd., who telephoned to commend the long distance operators for service given on a call to Newcastle-on-Tyne. He stated that he had placed a call to T. D. Catcheside of T. H. Catcheside & Co. Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne, but was unable to give the operator either the address or the telephone number of this party. In about one hour's time he had Mr. Catcheside on the telephone. In a letter which he later received, Mr. Ripley learned that the long distance service had traced Mr. Catcheside to a drill hall outside the town, and it was from there that he had spoken to Vancouver. Mr. Catcheside, too, felt that the telephone service was to be congratulated.

In Our Sports World

Inter-City Bowling

FOR the third time in as many years, Vancouver bowlers copped the C. B. Diplock Trophy for inter-city competition. Held this year in Victoria, the event attracted teams from Nanaimo and Vancouver, as well as from the host city. Final standings after the three games showed Vancouver on top with 2979 points, Nanaimo second with 2911, and Victoria third with 2776.

Following the competition, a party was held, during which Mrs. Robert Smyth, wife of the Victoria district plant manager, presented the trophy to Mal Gray, captain and high scorer of the Vancouver team.

Salmon Derby Results

FISHING derbies are usually won by the lucky angler who lands a monster of about 30 pounds, but the Vancouver T. E. S. A. C. salmon derby winner, Harold Ensor, wasn't even going to weigh his fish because he thought it was too small.

However, he was slightly encouraged when he got to the Denman Clubhouse and found that a catch over five pounds was really in the running, so he tossed his "minnow" on the scales. It registered six pounds 11 ounces, and Harold was 35 dollars and an ash tray to the good. The combination first prize was donated by the Federation and by McLean's Jewelers.

Even at that, with six prizes, the angler who took anything weighing more than five pounds was a prize-winner.

Joe Loftus was second with a five-pound 14-ouncer, and for his efforts won a monogrammed car rug donated by Mr. Rickards. Doug Watt's 5-pound 12-ounce cohoe was good enough to win a split-cane rod and 100 feet of line, donated by Charlie Smith at Eagle Harbour.

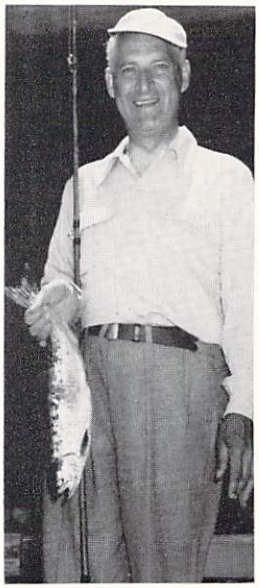
Fourth, fifth and sixth prizes were $10 gift certificates donated by Earl Squire, C. A. Moore and R. M. Mitchell. These prizes went to Miss Pat Chapman, R. A. Stanton and Al Raynor with fish weighing five pounds seven ounces, five pounds four ounces and five pounds one ounce, respectively.

Winner of the prize for entry ticket was Gordon Petherick, Revenue Accounting.

Sound Effects

SHE talked in her sleep, so he sent her home to mutter.

The three teams pictured above competed in the inter-city bowling competition in April. At left is the Nanaimo team made up of Miss Maureen Martin, Charlie Tallman and Miss Ruby Houston (back row) with Bill Vater (left) and George Rafter in the foreground. In the centre photo, the winning Vancouver team is shown. They are, from left to right: Back row—Fred Moonen, Miss Hope Halliday and Don Carruthers; front row—Miss Evelyn Torfason, Mal Gray (captain) and Miss Kay Ellick, president of the Vancouver League. At right are the host team. At the rear are Bob Williams and Earl Wintemute, and in the foreground are Miss Norma Williamson, Bob Ostler and Miss Lois Weeks. All photos by Fort-Macphail, Victoria.



Honor of catching the first fish in the newly-formed Eaglecrest Fishing Club near Qualicum, B.C., went to Gordon Farrell, the Company's president, pictured above. Photo by Van Isle Photo Service.

Telephone Belles Come Close

PLAYING their first season in the Vancouver Senior A women's softball league, the Telephone Belles missed the play-offs by a narrow margin, finishing fifth in an 8-team league.

Coached by Bert Bowley, of the Supplies Department, and managed by Maury Pexton, of Hastings Maintenance, the girls won five, lost five and tied one, giving them a .500 average for the season.

Members of the team were as follows: Misses Betty Lou Cain, Billie Vickery, Shirley McGinnis, Betty June Strachan, Queenie Shopland, Dorene Miller, Irene Miller, Shirley Mitchener, Lorna Clements (captain) and Mrs. Bertha Roberts. (A picture of the team will appear next issue.)

Badminton Under Way Again

VANCOUVER Telephone Employees' Social and Athletic Club now have their badminton club in full operation. More than fifty players are turning out each Monday night at the West Point Grey Junior High School gym.

Four courts afford plenty of action for the members who can stand the pace, and play is continuous from 7 to 11 p.m. Fees for the year are $8.00 to T. E. S. A. C. members, while non-members are required to pay one dollar more. Birds are supplied.

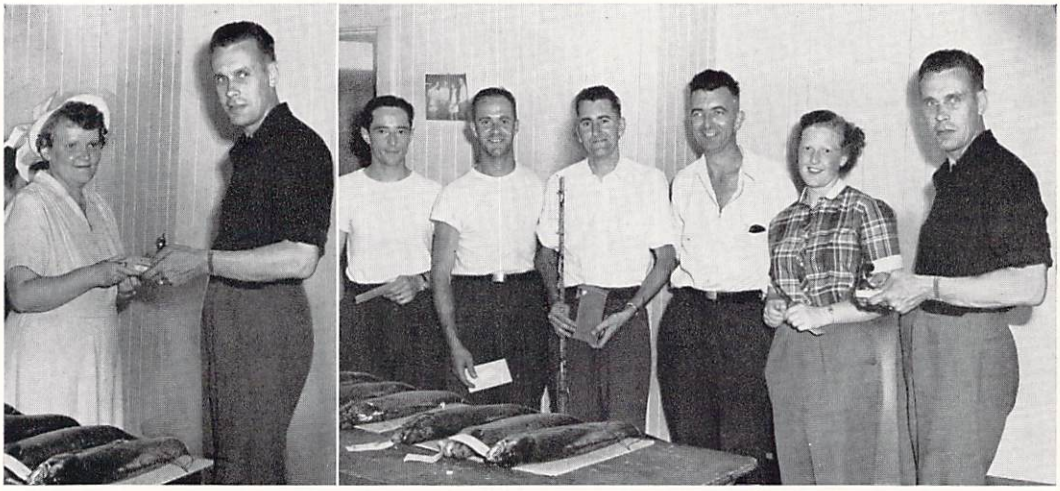
There is still plenty of room in the club for anyone interested, and those who wish to join are requested to contact Pete Satterfield (local 2055), Jack Logan (MA-2046), Tom Williams (MA-1741), Gil Auchinleck (local 4011), or Jim Ross (local 2083).

THE following is an item which appeared on Page 191 of the February, 1948, issue of the *Ladies' Home Journal:*

"Why is it that the 'Trouble Man' who comes to repair the telephone always seems to have a wonderful disposition?"

HE had been courting the girl for ten years, calling on her every Wednesday and Saturday nights. "Why," he was asked, "don't you marry her?"

"If I did," he replied, "I wouldn't have anywhere to go those evenings."



Shown receiving a $35 gift certificate and an ash tray from Miss Mona Bruce, president of Vancouver T. E. S. A. C., is Harold Ensor, winner of the club's first annual Salmon Derby. All the prize-winners are shown in the picture at right. They are, from left to right: Al Raynor, A. R. Stanton, Doug Watt, Joe Loftus, Miss Pat Chapman and Harold Ensor. Photos by Jack Lindsay.

In Memoriam

T. Percy Waters

T. Percy Waters, retired district commercial manager at Victoria, died in Royal Jubilee Hospital in the provincial capital on July 7, 1950. He was 67 years of age.

T. Percy Waters

Mr. Waters was born in Monmouthshire, England, and received his education and first business experience in Bristol. However, in 1911 he moved to Canada, where he took employment in the audit department of the Canadian Northern Railway in Winnipeg.

It was in July, 1912, that he first saw the Pacific Coast, and less than a month later he was a clerk in the contract department of the B. C. Telephone Company in Vancouver.

He served overseas in the first Great War, but not before he had been transferred to Victoria as recorder, under F. C. Paterson.

Following his discharge in 1919, Mr. Waters took up the duties of chief clerk in Victoria, a position he held until 1938 when he was made assistant district commercial manager. He was appointed district commercial manager in 1947, and retired at the beginning of 1949.

He was active in club and lodge circles, having been past master of Vancouver and Quadra No. 2 Masonic Lodge, and past first principal of Royal Arch Masons, Columbia Chapter No. 1. He was also a past president of Victoria Kiwanis Club and past first vice-president of the Canadian Club of Victoria.

Funeral services were held at Hayward's Funeral Home, with Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunns officiating. Cremation followed.

Mr. Waters is survived by his wife, at home; one daughter, Mrs. F. B. Davis, Victoria; and one son, F. H. Waters, Vancouver.

Mrs. Charlotte F. Waters, widow of the late T. Percy Waters, has asked Telephone Talk to convey on her behalf an expression of appreciation for the many kindnesses shown her by the various departments and people in the Telephone Company, on the occasion of her recent bereavement.

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Mrs. John L. MacDonald

Mrs. John L. MacDonald (*nee* Ethel E. Rose), formerly of the Hastings operating staff, Vancouver, passed away in hospital on July 19 a few hours after suffering injuries in an automobile accident. At the time of the accident Mrs. MacDonald was riding in a police car which was escorting an ambulance carrying her five-year-old son, Lewis. Lewis, who had previously been struck by a truck, also died in hospital.

Mrs. MacDonald was employed by the B. C. Telephone Company for 12 years before her marriage. She joined the Hastings staff as an operator in June, 1926, and rose to the position of supervisor two years before she resigned to be married in June, 1938.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, John G. and Donald A., at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Rose, of Roberts Creek; one sister and one brother.

Funeral services were held in Mount Pleasant Chapel, with Lieut.-Col. Rev. C. C. Owen, D.D., officiating. Interment was in Ocean View Burial Park.

Payroll Savings Plan Available for New Canada Savings Bonds

Canada Savings Bonds, Fifth Series, are now being offered by the Dominion Government. Because of the favorable response in former years, the facilities of the Company's Payroll Savings Plan will again be available to employees who wish to purchase the bonds and pay for them by payroll deduction. Last year more than 1500 telephone employees subscribed to a total of approximately $306,000.

Letters, signed by H. M. Boyce, vice-president and treasurer of the Company, together with an application form, will be mailed to each employee by the Employee Records Department during October. Payroll deductions will be made by the Payroll Department. All applications should be forwarded to the Paymaster not later than October 30.

Vancouver and the Mainland

Vancouver Commercial

MEMBERS of the Commercial Department entertained at a joint miscellaneous shower at "The Hollies" on August 14 honoring Miss Bette Gun, Miss Gwenda Sutton and Miss Shirley Groll, brides-elect. Each girl was presented with a wedding gift upon her departure from the office. Miss Gun received a blanket and pillow-slips; Miss Sutton, a Coalport ornament and an eiderdown, and Miss Groll, a breakfast set.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Petit. The bride was formerly Miss Jacqueline Halliday, of Vancouver Commercial. Photo by Allan B. Evers.

Before her marriage to Thorne Shindler on July 21, Miss Marjorie Adams, of the general commercial supervisor's office, was honor guest at a miscellaneous shower given by her co-workers at "The Hollies". As a wedding gift from the staff Miss Adams received two Coalport ornaments.

Recent brides in the work orders division of Vancouver Commercial were Miss Patsy Kelly, Miss Peggy Symonds and Miss Jacqueline Halliday. A shower was held at Purdy's Cafe on July 19 in honor of Miss Kelly. Members of the staff again entertained on July 27 at the Palomino Room honoring Miss Symonds. Miss Halliday was honor guest at a shower at the home of Miss Nancy McLure on August 23. The staff presentation gift to Miss Kelly and Miss Symonds was Californian pottery while Miss Halliday received Revere ware as a wedding gift from her fellow workers.

Miss Audrey Groves, Miss Dixie Van Hoepen, Miss Helen Manson and Miss Ellen Watt, of the Cashiers' division, have resigned to be married. As a wedding gift from the staff Miss Groves received a torchiere lamp. Miss Van Hoepen was the recipient of an electric kettle upon her departure from the office, while Miss Manson received Californian pottery and Miss Watt, a torchiere lamp.

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Hastings

MISS Bernice Mackie, whose marriage to Bill McDougald was an event of June 3, was honor guest at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Eileen Crymble.

Miss Pearl McIlwain held a party recently in honor of the girls who entertained on the Hastings "Pirate Cruise". As a token of appreciation for their efforts, the entertainers were presented with a box of chocolates from the staff.

Miss Viola Spence and Miss Myrtle Cunningham were co-hostesses at a kitchen shower honoring Miss Lois Larnes. Miss Larnes became the bride of Bert Wahlberg, of Port Alberni, recently.

Miss Margaret Stewart has been transferred to North.

A presentation was made to Miss Theresa McAvoy when she resigned recently.

Resignations have also been received from: Misses Zenia Pacholuk, Marion Rogalsky, Marie Forrest, Mae Campbell and Mesdames Jean Graham, Marjorie Temple and Kathleen Walters.

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Golden

AT a wedding ceremony performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bruce, Golden, on June 7, Miss Flora Macdonald Roberts, local representative and chief operator, became the bride of Clement Pennell Maxwell. Mrs. B. Bruce, sister of the groom, acted as matron of honor. During the reception which followed, Mrs. W. Wenman, also a sister of the groom, assisted by Mrs. R. Bruce, of Revelstoke, presided at the urns. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell left on a wedding trip to Calgary, the West Kootenay and coastal points. Upon their return they will take up residence in Golden.

Members of the Golden staff and their mothers entertained on June 6 at the home of Miss Yvonne Mercier in honor of Miss Flora Roberts. On behalf of those present, little Miss Monta Farrell presented the honor guest with an electric waffle iron, following which music and refreshments were enjoyed.

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Fernie Telephone Couple Wed

AT a candle-lit ceremony at the Anglican Church on July 15, Miss Mary Jean Quail, of the Fernie operating staff, and Aubrey Arnold Dayman, district repairman in charge, Fernie, were united in marriage. Mrs. W. D. Quail was matron of honor. Following a reception held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dayman left on a motor trip through the United States to Vancouver and other coastal points.

Mr. and Mrs. David F. East. Mrs. East is the former Miss Pat Hunter, of the Alma operating staff. Photo by Allan B. Evers.

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Dial Service, Vancouver

MRS. Norah McDonough (*nee* Todd) received a torchiere lamp as a wedding gift from the staff, the presentation being made by Mrs. J. Kier, chief operator.

Miss Vellecott, chief operator at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and Miss Hall, chief operator at Sydney, Manitoba, were recent visitors to the office.

Resignations have been received from Mrs. Florence Kenal and Mrs. May McDonald.

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General Traffic, Vancouver

Members of the General Traffic Department entertained at a buffet supper and miscellaneous shower in the William Farrell Building recently in honor of Miss Mary Woods and Miss Doreen Slater, brides-elect.

As a wedding gift from her co-workers Miss Woods received a coffee table. Miss Slater's gift from the staff was a table lamp. R. M. Gillespie, general traffic supervisor, made the presentations.

The wedding of Miss Mary Woods and Harold William Hart was solemnized in St. Giles United Church on August 25. A reception followed at the Langara Golf Club.

The marriage of Miss Doreen Slater and Keith Buse took place in Kamloops on August 28.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thorne Shindler. Mrs. Shindler was formerly Miss Marjorie Adams, of Vancouver Commercial. Photo by Allan B. Evers.

Pictured as she appeared in Roy Gordon's talent quest, "Show Boat", is six-year-old Kaye Murray, daughter of James Murray, of Building Service, and Mrs. Murray, the former Miss Margot Stanley, an ex-Bayview operator. Photo by Al's Photo Service.

New Westminster

Misses Marie Dean, Evelyn German, Clarice Schaub, Margaret Erlandsen, Eveline Wilson, Lois Hogness, Betty Stobbart, Muriel Bird and Jacqueline Weir were among New Westminster's summertime brides. Each girl was the recipient of a wedding gift from the staff.

Resignations have been received from Miss Marion Jenish and Miss Marjorie Salzman.

Miss Ethel Stonebrink and James Stonebrink, of Yamhill, Oregon, were recent visitors to the office.

Miss Lena Doreen Gaube became the bride of John Stewart MacPherson at a wedding ceremony in Sixth Avenue United Church on July 22. The groom is the elder son of R. S. MacPherson, district commercial manager, New Westminster, and Mrs. MacPherson.

Kamloops

Miss Gladys Chartier was hostess at a shower honoring Miss Beulah Hughes, whose marriage to William Gordon Coxson was an event of June 9. As a wedding gift from her co-workers, Miss Hughes received a silver carving set, the presentation being made by Miss Margaret Dunn.

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Fairmont

Resignations have been received from: Misses Mary Bell, Victoria Kleparchuck, Rena Craik, Eileen Gray, Shirley Walton and Mesdames Flora Hogan, Winnifred Straw, Elaine Brown, Doreen Legge, Betty Anderson, Donna Sery, Christina Smith, Vera Campbell, Patricia Nichols, Leona Kozak, Iona Davies and Nancy Rutter.

Miss Kathleen Milholm has been transferred to the special data division of the Traffic Engineering Department, Vancouver.

Miss Margaret Tonner was honored on June 6 at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Doris Stack. Co-hostesses on this occasion were Miss C. Perron, Miss F. Lemieux, Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. J. Twist.

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Dexter

Mrs. Ada Martin, now Mrs. Tully, was presented with a tri-light lamp as a wedding gift from the staff.

Miss Shirley Davies, now Mrs. Johnson, was another recent Dexter bride.

Miss Betty McRae has been transferred to Langara.

Miss Marilyn Grognet has resigned.

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Plant Engineering

At an evening ceremony in St. Saviour's Anglican Church on June 30, Miss Lorna Catherine Allen and Edward Victor Hird, of the Plant Engineering Department, were united in marriage. Attending the bride were Mrs. Don Allen, as matron of honor, and Mrs. Ray Allen and Mrs. Jack Rattenberry, as bridesmaids. Mr. Reginald Hird supported his brother as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Hird spent their honeymoon in the Okanagan.

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Vancouver Long Distance

Miss Mary MacRae was honor guest at a shower at the home of Miss Lois Rimmington on August 22. On

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Coxson. The bride is the former Miss Beulah Hughes, Kamloops operator.

On holiday at Twin Lakes Dude Ranch near Penticton are Miss Gerray Gerein, Fairmont operator; Miss Audrey Todd, of Public Relations, and Miss Kay Wilson, Fairmont operator.

behalf of the staff, Miss Maude Eccleston, chief operator, presented the bride-to-be with a Duncan-Fyfe mahogany coffee table.

Upon the occasion of her marriage Miss Mary Macdonald was the recipient of a chest of "Evening Star" flatware as a gift from her co-workers.

Miss Nellie McGrath, whose marriage was an event of July 1, has returned to the office as Mrs. Lawson. Miss Lena Dunham was married on July 31 and has returned to work as Mrs. Spagnol. Other recent brides at Long Distance include: Misses Rose Krupa, Gertrude Markoff and Ruth Karras.

Miss Hazel Kitchin has been transferred to Vancouver Commercial.

Miss Olga Torie and Mrs. Eleanor McEwen have resigned to make a trip to the Old Country.

Resignations have also been received from: Misses Norma Potter, Barbara Towler, Joan Brigden, Margaret Gibb, Mary Wiper, Synové Gravé, Ina Carlson, Marion Harris, Florence Fletcher, Dolores Reierson, Ruth Moore and Mesdames Patricia Barber and Joanne Lynch.

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West

A SHOWER was held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Rodgers recently in honor of Mrs. R. Henriksen, the former Miss Jean Tyler, whose marriage took place on August 4. The staff presentation gift was a lamp and a miniature garden. Sharing the honors with Mrs. Henriksen on this occasion was Mrs. Marion Hutt, who is leaving with her husband for Merritt. Her gift from the staff was a twin sweater set.

Miss Maureen Fagan, who became the bride of K. Davidson on August 25, was honored at a shower at the home of Miss Betty Hunt. As a wedding gift from her co-workers Miss Fagan received a pair of lamps.

Before her marriage to James Marrs, Miss Phyllis Youngman was honor guest at a shower at the home of Miss Helena Aldred. The bride-elect was presented with a set of flatware as a wedding gift. Miss Betty Hunt, who has resigned, was also honored at this affair. She received a compact and silver coffee spoons as a gift from her co-workers.

Miss Beverley Barr has been appointed desk clerk at West.

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Payroll Department

MEMBERS of the staff entertained at the Chilco Grill on August 15 in honor of Miss Eileen Creelman, a bride-elect, and Miss Claire Grinde, who has resigned to go to Portland, Oregon. Miss Creelman was the recipient of a pair of blankets as a wedding gift from her co-workers, while Miss Grinde received an evening bag as a parting gift.

Enjoying her bath is Barbara Evers, five-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan B. Evers. Her father, who took this photograph, is a member of the General Sales Department, Vancouver.

W. Parker, payroll supervisor, made the staff presentations to Miss Creelman and Miss Grinde of a camera and a make-up bag respectively.

Miss Eileen Creelman became the bride of Arthur Barker on September 7 at a wedding ceremony in Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle. Mr. and Mrs. Barker will make their new home in Ottawa.

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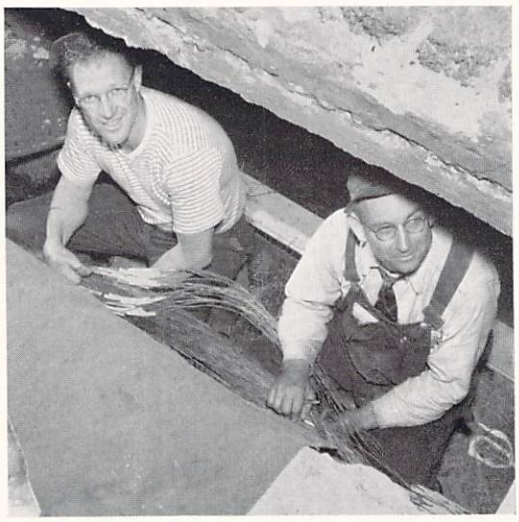
Merritt

FRIENDS and fellow-workers gathered to honor Miss Morva McCreight, a bride-elect, at a surprise miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. J. W. Pooley on September 6. As a wedding gift from the staff, Miss McCreight received a tri-light lamp, the presentation being made by Miss Mary L. Moyes, local representative and chief operator.

The marriage of Miss Morva McCreight and Robert Murray was solemnized in Vancouver on September 21.



Splicer Herb Gillard (right) and helper Dave McClughan are shown as they repaired a damaged telephone cable on 41st Avenue between Maple and the Boulevard, Vancouver. About 1800 subscribers were without service for several hours after workmen had pierced the cable while digging a new water outlet. Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

Vancouver Island

Victoria Traffic

MISS PATRICIA CLARKE, who resigned to go to Vancouver, was the recipient of a travelling clock as a parting gift from her fellow workers. Miss M. Burley, chief operator, made the presentation.

On behalf of the members of the Traffic Department, Miss M. Burley, chief operator, presented Miss Grace Harsant with two Kenwood blankets on the occasion of her marriage.

Miss Annie Kirkland resigned on July 17 to make an extended visit to New York.

Miss S. McKinnon, senior operator, won $500 for answering all questions correctly on the "Six-for-One" radio program at Victoria recently.

Miss Betty Laurie, stenographer, resigned on July 21 to resume her studies. Before her departure she was presented with a Parker pencil by Miss E. R. Walker, district traffic superintendent, on behalf of the members of the Traffic Department.

Pictured at the age of 14 months is Janis Helen Caswell, daughter of Mrs. Gwen Caswell, Belmont operator.

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Albion

MEMBERS of the staff entertained at a farewell party at the home of Miss A. M. Williamson, local representative and chief operator, in honor of Miss Isabel Denman. Miss Denman has sailed for England, where she expects to visit with relatives. She was presented with a hand-made leather wallet as a parting gift from her fellow workers.

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Belmont

MISS Shirley Williams, a bride-elect, was the recipient of a Kenwood blanket as a wedding gift from her co-workers. Mrs. A. Bartlett, local representative and chief operator, made the presentation.

Miss Shirley Williams and Jack L. Cameron were married in St. John's Church at Colwood on August 4. Following the reception which was held

Ladies who attended the twenty-first annual convention of the Telephone Association of Canada, held in Victoria in June, enjoy an afternoon at Brenta Lodge, Brentwood Bay. Seated, from left to right, are: Mrs. W. Russ, Edmonton; Mrs. R. W. J. Angus, Victoria; Miss E. R. Walker, Victoria, who acted as hostess; Mrs. A. Higgins, Edmonton, and Mrs. W. R. Jones, Vancouver. Included in the group standing are: Mrs. F. G. MacBean, Regina; Mrs. H. C. Smail, Regina; Mrs. G. C. Garner, Toronto; Mrs. R. H. Keefler, Montreal; Mrs. Jas. Hamilton, Vancouver; Mrs. A. F. White, Montreal; Mrs. Robt. Smyth, Victoria; Mrs. Stuart (daughter of W. A. Winfield), Halifax; Mrs. A. G. Archibald, Halifax; Mrs. C. E. Watson, Montreal; Mrs. L. E. James, Toronto; Mrs. W. E. Jefferson, Halifax; Mrs. W. Mason, Edmonton; Mrs. D. S. Edwards, Edmonton; Mrs. R. W. Losie, Edmonton; Mrs. R. S. Muirhead, Regina; Mrs. W. S. Pipes, Vancouver; Mrs. J. R. Brawn, New Brunswick; Mrs. C. W. Halford, Vancouver, and Mrs. W. A. Winfield, Halifax. Not present when the photo was taken were: Mrs. A. G. Anderson, Montreal; Mrs. W. L. Campkin and daughter, Regina; Mrs. F. V. Gange, Winnipeg, and Mrs. P. Miller, Winnipeg. Photo by Mrs. J. A. Darling, Regina.

at the Colwood Community Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron left for a wedding trip up-Island.

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Colquitz

Miss Violet Marston has been transferred to the Victoria operating staff.

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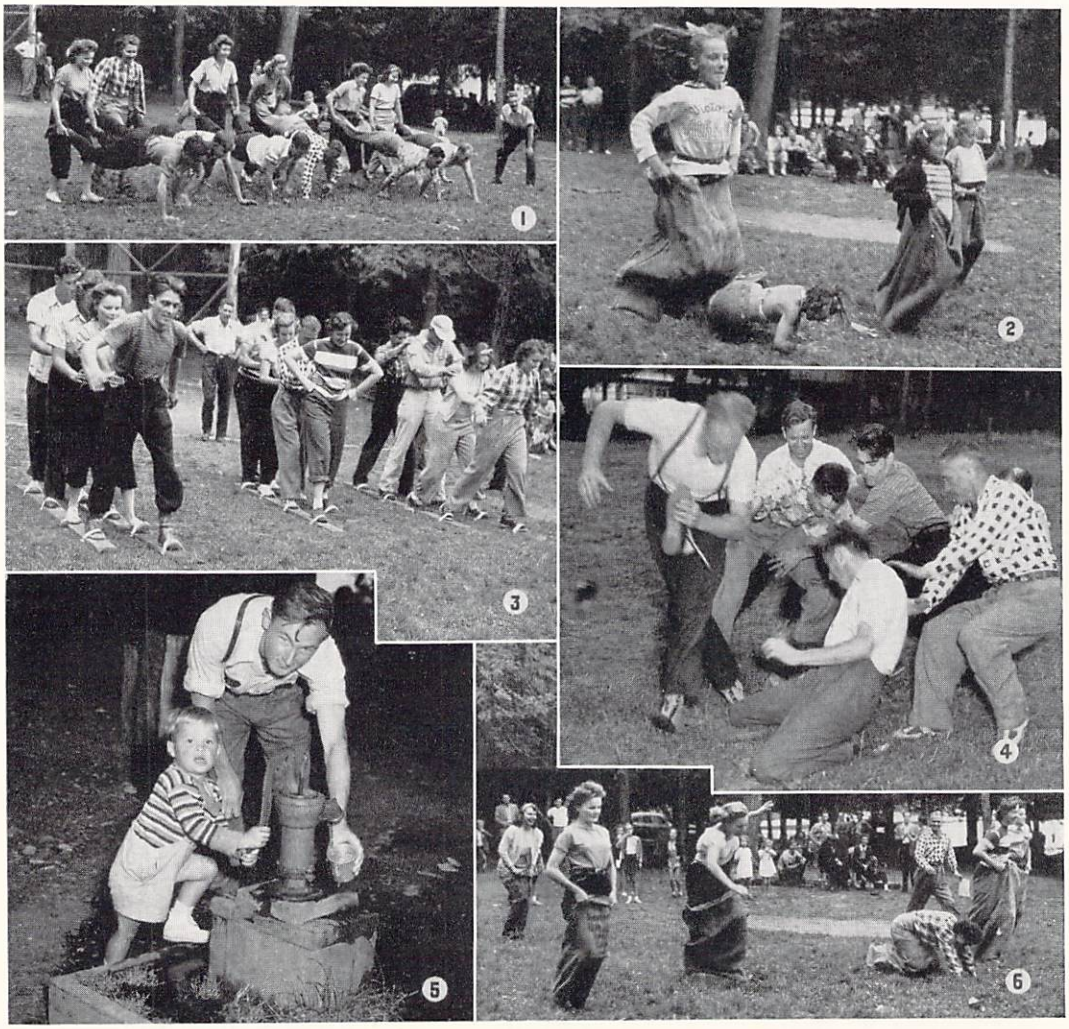
Keating

Miss Alice Holyoake, a bride-elect, was honor guest on July 6 when members of the Keating staff entertained at the home Miss Violet McNally, local representative and chief operator. As a wedding gift from her co-workers, Miss Holyoake received a combination toaster and waffle iron. Miss McNally made the presentation, extending congratulations and best wishes for the bride's future happiness.

Miss Holyoake's marriage to Henry H. Hickman took place in the Metropolitan United Church, Victoria, on July 15. Attending the bride was her twin sister, Miss Nancy Holyoake. Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Hickman left for a wedding trip to California.



At the Victoria Telephone Employees' Social and Athletic Club picnic at Beaver Lake. (1) Taking part in the wheelbarrow race are, left to right: Vickie and Bert Hickman, Helen and Jack Robbins, Joyce and Art Atkinson, Lee Little and Alex McCormick, Jean and Fred Holtum, Myrtle Browitt and Tod Moble, with starter Murray Turnbull. (2) An action shot of the girls' sack race showing Norma Wetmore, Sharon Turnbull, Joyce Waterman and Dawn Hickman. (3) In the mixed novelty race are: Mr. and Mrs. Art Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hickman; Jack Robbins, Lee Little, Alex McCormick and Agnes Reston; John Smith, Bob Wetmore, Myrtle Browitt and Helen Robbins. (4) Fighting it out in the men's novelty are: Tod Moble, Art Atkinson, Fred Holtum, Frank Holmes, Bert Hickman, Alex McCormick and Ken Waterman. (5) Frank Holmes and his young son, Darryl, at the water pump. (6) Competing in the ladies' sack race are: Myrtle Browitt, Vickie Hickman, Lee Little, Helen Robbins, Agnes Reston and Jean Holtum. Starter Alex McCormick is seen in background. Photos by Fort-Macphail.

Bouquets in Our Mail Bag

For New Westminster Staff

From a letter received by R. S. MacPherson, district commercial manager, New Westminster:

"The bus franchise plebiscite having been brought to a successful conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you and your staff for their work in providing the required telephone facilities at the Board of Trade office for the use of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"This might also be an appropriate occasion to thank Wallace Whitehead, your wire chief, for his co-operation, and I would certainly be remiss if I failed to record our appreciation of the excellent service given yesterday (bus franchise day) by the chief operator and all the switchboard staff."

—A. P. Croker,
Manager, New Westminster and Fraser Valley Branches, B. C. Electric Railway Company, Ltd., 618 Columbia Street, New Westminster, B. C.

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Orchids for Golden Staff

From a letter received by the B. C. Telephone Company:

"I have just returned from a long trip through the East and West Kootenays, and during that time I spent over five weeks in Golden, B. C.

"As a matter of record I wish to commend you for the fine class of service provided from that point, and for the most courteous and efficient attention given to the numerous calls I had to make to Vancouver. The girls were well on their mark and went to a great deal of trouble to give efficient service which resulted in my calls being prompt and effective, with the minimum of time used in making them.

"I have received good service wherever I have been, but the courtesy and efficiency I received in Golden is well worthy of merit. I hope the girls will receive credit for these remarks."

—W. J. Twaites,
Business Accounting and Taxation Services, Suite 5, 311 West Hastings Street, Vancouver.

An Expression of Appreciation

From a letter received by J. S. Southworth, chairman of B. C. Telephone Employee Canvassers, 1950 Community Chest Campaign:

"The Campaign Committee has particularly asked me to thank you for your letter of the 1st of November, advising us of the amount subscribed by the employees of the B. C. Telephone Company and giving such an excellent analysis of the subscriptions.

"We are very grateful for your interest and would ask you to convey to all those who contributed an expression of our appreciation for their support.

"Naturally we are all interested in making Vancouver a good place to live in and my co-volunteers consider it a privilege to be able to do something to make sure that the services of our Member Agencies are not curtailed through lack of funds.

"We are running into difficulties this year in meeting our objective, but such support as yours is most encouraging."

—Frank H. Elphicke,
Campaign Chairman, Community Chest and Council of Greater Vancouver, 505 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, B. C.

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Red Cross Society Extends Thanks

From a letter received by Miss M. Love, training supervisor, Revenue Accounting Department, Vancouver:

"I want to express to you and the girls of the B. C. Telephone Company Revenue Accounting Department the thanks of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross Lodge for the splendid work your group have been doing in staffing the canteen of the Lodge on Monday evenings.

"The work in the canteen, while it may at times seem humdrum, is none the less very important, and the faithful service which your group are giving is a valuable contribution to Red Cross."

—Hester Hyatt,
Chairman, Canadian Red Cross Society, Vancouver Branch, 950 West 30th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

"Splendid Service" Appreciated

FROM a letter received by R. S. MacPherson, district commercial manager, New Westminster:

"It was my intention to write this letter to your chief operator in New Westminster, but I am writing to you with the request that you kindly pass the contents on to her.

"As you are aware, on October 26 and 27, the Junior Chamber of Commerce carried on a very active campaign to get voters to the polls in New Westminster on the 27th to vote on the bus franchise which we were negotiating with the city.

"It has been called to my attention by Mr. Main, president of the New Westminster Junior Chamber of Commerce, that the co-operation received by his organization from the chief operator and staff of the Telephone Company was outstanding and simplified their task tremendously. Would you therefore kindly pass on to the chief operator our very sincere appreciation for this splendid service."

—W. C. MAINWARING,
Vice-President and Assistant to the President, B. C. Electric Railway Company, Ltd., Vancouver, B. C.

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The Premier Expresses Appreciation

FROM a letter received by Miss E. R. Walker, district traffic superintendent, Victoria:

"I have been instructed by the Premier to convey to you and your staff the sincere appreciation of all members of the Premier's staff for the very fine service you have rendered during the past year in facilitating our long distance calls.

"There are many occasions when the business of the office is such that like yourselves we find that the conditions are somewhat exacting and it is then when you handle our work with such understanding that we find ourselves most grateful."

—PERCY C. RICHARDS,
Executive Assistant, Office of the Premier, Victoria, B. C.

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For Miss M. J. McFarquhar

FROM a letter received by the chief operator, Haney:

"Last Friday (November 11) evening around 6:30 p.m. I had occasion to phone a party in North Vancouver, not knowing his phone number or address. His office number was listed, and from this limited information your long distance operator was successful in contacting said party.

"I wish to take this opportunity of asking you to thank the operator very much for being so willing and helpful in locating this party for me."

—H. S. SMITH,
32nd Road East, R.R. No. 1,
Haney, B. C.

(Miss Mary-Jean McFarquhar, of the Haney operating staff, handled this call.)

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A Tribute to Royal City Staff

FROM a letter received by R. S. MacPherson, district commercial manager, New Westminster:

"We would like to express our appreciation for the excellent co-operation we have received from the B. C. Telephone Company in New Westminster during the past year, and particularly the courteous and efficient service we have received from the telephone operators."

—H. G. WARNER,
The T. Eaton Co., British Columbia Ltd.,
New Westminster, B. C.

(Ten pounds of chocolates were also received by the operating staff from The T. Eaton Co.)

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For L. Stewart and W. F. Lindsay

FROM a letter received by the General Sales Department, Vancouver:

"Last week-end we had occasion to move our office from 1624 to 1123 Marine Building, and we wish to write at this time to say how pleased we were with the remarkable service given by both your Sales and Installation Division. Your Mr. Stewart in the Sales Department went out of his way to see that we were taken care of in a change from straight line to a PBX Board, and we cannot praise highly enough the work of Mr. William Lindsay who handled the installation, and who certainly went out of his way to see that we were taken care of properly and quickly.

"Needless to say, the type of service which was given to us is greatly appreciated."

—J. WARD ALLEN,
Allen-Stoltze Lumber Co. Ltd.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Statement of Development, September 1, 1950

British Columbia Telephone Co.	No. of Tels. Jan. 1, 1949	No. of Tels. Jan. 1, 1950	No. of Tels. Aug. 1, 1950	No. of Tels. Sept. 1, 1950
Abbotsford	836	958	1,017	1,026
Agassiz	256	273	282	427
Albion	545	599	726	742
Aldergrove	183	233	242	245
Balfour	30	30	34	34
Belmont	643	710	793	798
Bridge River Mines	215	229	248	256
Castlegar	.....	.....	191	199
Chase	64	68	76	76
Chemainus	565	602	625	626
Christina Lake	.....	.....	10	10
Cloverdale (including Newton and White Rock)	1,380	1,906	2,151	2,160
Cobble Hill	326	337	375	387
Colquitz	929	1,132	1,137	1,148
Courtenay	1,514	1,611	1,646	1,648
Cumberland	419	471	493	495
Duncan	2,001	2,204	2,270	2,280
Ganges	410	441	452	451
Golden	96	114	127	128
Grand Forks	337	361	373	372
Greenwood	70	77	83	86
Haney (including Hammond)	1,138	1,263	1,285	1,293
Hope	258	287	322	328
Invermere	152	173	191	199
Kamloops	2,904	3,153	3,232	3,248
Kaslo	162	173	176	176
Keating	507	528	580	584
Keremeos	124	141	154	155
Ladner	756	855	876	880
Ladysmith	669	688	717	720
Lake Cowichan	282	303	391	394
Langley	1,219	1,371	1,447	1,478
Mayne Island	129	147	154	154
Merritt	297	336	343	343
Nakusp	129	157	165	168
Nanaimo	3,717	4,419	4,864	4,928
Nelson	2,892	3,072	3,128	3,125
New Denver	132	144	157	157
New Westminster	10,151	11,609	12,097	12,187
North Vancouver (including Deep Cove)	5,808	6,527	7,048	7,154
Oliver	499	561	559	458
Osoyoos	.....	.....	92	211
Parksville (including Qualicum)	574	643	682	702
Port Alberni	3,079	3,374	3,450	3,448
Port Coquitlam	400	448	470	468
Port Moody	363	390	396	400
Princeton	300	344	375	380
Richmond (including Steveston)	1,864	2,143	2,592	2,625
Rock Creek	41	45	49	48
Rossland	849	943	996	991
Sidney	759	842	885	888
Sooke	143	156	173	178
Squamish	.....	60	64	61
Trail	3,656	3,872	4,210	4,199
Vancouver	120,943	129,096	134,156	134,314
Victoria	28,001	30,628	31,756	31,875
West Vancouver (including Whytecliff)	4,063	4,436	4,612	4,648
†Westwold	12	11	13	13
Yale		29	29	29
Toll Stations	646	708	691	670
Totals	208,437	226,431	236,928	237,871
Chilliwack Telephones Ltd.	2,002	2,241	2,465	2,539
Kootenay Telephone Co. Ltd.				
Cranbrook	783	851	890	896
Creston	533	579	585	603
Fernie	337	345	354	357
Kimberley	498	613	721	727
Michel	71	75	74	74
Toll Stations	48	51	42	45
Totals	2,270	2,514	2,666	2,702
North-west Telephone Co.				
Campbell River	339	368	399	409
Ocean Falls	247	277	308	321
Powell River	1,674	1,819	1,932	1,955
Prince George	1,082	1,226	1,273	1,285
Toll Stations	2	2	2	2
Totals	3,344	3,692	3,914	3,972
Mission Telephone Co. Ltd.	682	797	870	885
Totals for above companies	216,735	235,675	246,843	247,969
(Gain from January 1, 1950, to September 1, 1950, 5.2%)				
Connecting systems in B. C.	17,230	19,612	20,257	20,333
Totals including connecting systems	233,965	255,287	267,100	268,302

†Operated from Kamloops.

'Phone Calls Setting New Records in 1950

Telephone users in the system of the B. C. Telephone Company and associated companies in B. C. are placing a record number of calls in 1950.

Total calls per average business day during the first six months of this year amounted to more than 1,413,000. The 1949 average was 1,350,000 calls per business day.